



Agenda Item Number: 2004-11-7C

BERNALILLO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date: November 9, 2004

Department: Infrastructure Planning **Contact:** Tim West, Deputy County Manager for Public Works
Stephen R. Miller, IP&GR Director

TITLE: Regional Transportation District

ACTION: Motion to:

1. Convene a public hearing.
2. Authorize the County Manager to enter into a contract with the Mid-Region Transit District Governmental Unit.

SUMMARY:

On May 11, 2004 the Board authorized the County Manager to enter into negotiations with Government entities within the Mid-Region Council of Governments regarding formation of a Regional Transit District (RTD). The Regional Transit District Act allows two or more governmental entities to form an RTD by contract.

The RTD will become a separate political subdivision of the State and shall have all of the duties, privileges, rights, liabilities and disabilities of a political subdivision upon approval of the State Board of Transportation. The RTD will be responsible for the planning, operation and maintenance of a regional transit system. Upon the formation of the RTD the members will formulate a service plan that will define the level and type of transit service that will be provided to each jurisdiction and the costs associated with that service.

The State Board of Transportation is scheduled to approve the RTD at their December 2, 2004 meeting. Staff requests that the Board authorize the County Manager to execute the contract.

FISCAL IMPACT

None at this time. Once the service plan has been formulated and adopted by the RTD Board a cost can be identified.

STAFF ANALYSIS SUMMARY

COUNTY MANAGER

A public hearing is required to solicit public comments on Bernalillo County joining the Regional Transit District. The RTD will enable this region to establish a regional transit system through planning, operators and maintenance. I recommend Board approval. TL 11/4/04

DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER FOR PUBLIC WORKS

The RTD enabling legislation requires the County to give a ten-day public notice before voting for membership. A public meeting must also be held. I recommend that the Board convene the public meeting and authorize the County Manager to enter into the RTD agreement with MRCOG. TW 10/22/04

LEGAL

The Bernalillo County Commission has the authority to give signature authority to the Bernalillo County Manager. JSL 10/21/04

FINANCE

There is no fiscal impact with the approval of this item. Once the RTD Board has adopted the service plan a cost will be identified and presented to the Bernalillo County Commission.
Priscilla L. Gutierrez, Budget Analyst Sr. 10/20/04